

**Recruitment grade in I.A.**

722. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:  
SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether panels for recruitment of grade 1/2 and 3/6 are maintained by Indian Airlines at its Regional Offices and Headquarters;
- (b) if so, whether such panels have already expired; and
- (c) the number of persons who have so far been recruited from such panels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The panels for erstwhile Grade 1/2 and Grade 3/6 are valid for a period of two years from the date of approval. Thereafter, the panel expires.

(c) During the year 2006, 285 persons (228 from Special Recruitment Drive for SC/ST and against operational posts and 57 on compassionate grounds) have been recruited from such panels.

**Development of 35 non-metro airports**

723. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:  
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:  
SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to invite Expressions of Interest (EOI) in October from private parties interested in participating in the city-side development of 35 non-metro airports;
- (b) if so, whether the Minister has received consultant reports for development of 35 non-metro airports;
- (c) if so, whether Airports Authority of India would make the necessary investment for the development of aero-facilities;
- (d) whether private parties are to develop airport hotels, run food courts and restaurants or operate parking lots; and

(e) whether process of modernization of these 35 airports has started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. Date yet to be finalised.

(b) Reports of 25 airports out of 35 selected airports have been prepared by Airports Authority of India (AAI) through consultants.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The land use plans will be as per the provisions of AAI Act and State Government/Local Body Bye Laws.

(e) The terminal building and air side works have been awarded/sanctioned for most of the airports which require immediate capacity addition due to air traffic growth and to ease congestion.

#### **Inadequate number of ATCs at Delhi Airport**

724. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi airport is handling almost 650 flights a day as compared to 450 flights a day in the year 2005;

(b) whether flights are subjected to abnormal delays in Delhi due to inadequate number of ATCs;

(c) whether an ATC at Delhi airport controls 25 flights during peak hours, causing an average delay of 40 minutes per flight during peak hours; and

(d) the steps being taken to increase the number of ATCs to cope with the peak hour traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir. Delhi Airport handled on an average of 456 flights per day in 2005-06, and 541 flights in 2006-07 (April—January).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Both runways are put into operation to meet the increased traffic load. Under favourable weather and wind conditions, when Runway 27 and 28 are used together, the runway capacity is 40 movements per hour. When Runway 10/09 are used together, the runway capacity is 30 movements per hour. However, during periods of extreme low visibility, when only single runway is used, delays take place due to bunching of flights.